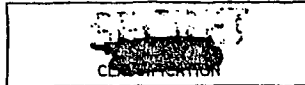


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DISPATCH NO. EGMA-33392



TO : Chief, EE
FROM : Chief, Munich Base
SUBJECT: GENERAL-- CART/CABOLT/Operations
SPECIFIC-- Meeting of 12 March 1958

DATE: 3 April 1958
INFO: COS/Germany

REFERENCE: EGMW-4811, 23 September 1957

Headquarters Action Required:

1. Request that Headquarters provide the following:

- a. Any information pertaining to the planned SA Putsch in Liechtenstein, mentioned in paragraph 8, below. We should like to confirm that such a plan did exist, and if possible, what part CABOLT played in thwarting the SA plan.
- b. An assessment of CABOLT based on the material in the Dutch interrogations mentioned in Reference. [] has seen these volumes in [] library. Since they are too large to copy or loan to MB, we would appreciate receiving the assessment, plus any pertinent extracts which you feel may help us to understand CABOLT better.
- c. Brochures or similar give-away material concerning the exchange of students or FBPRISE scholarships for foreign students. This is needed to backstop [] story that he has written to acquaintances for such material.

2. On the evening of 12 March 1958, CABOLT visited the [] home. The meeting was so unique that we have extracted all the material which did not pertain to current operations, and rather than present it in routine Contact Report form, we are forwarding it as a separate dispatch. In addition, comments on various events during the evening are being added.

3. Arrival: CABOLT was picked up in the center of Munich at 2030 hours and driven to [] apartment in the Army housing area at Perlacher Forst. The conversation on the way to the apartment was of a routine nature and dealt with operational matters which we have been discussing during the past few meetings. When we arrived at the apartment, CABOLT payed his usual compliments to [] and presented her with a box of chocolates. Then we sat down and the conversation turned to [] study of the German language. After a few minutes, [] asked if CABOLT would like something to drink, suggesting either beer or cognac as these were the drinks which CABOLT had chosen during previous visits. CABOLT replied without his usual bashfulness that he would like some cognac, and he was given a generous double shot, while

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[] took the same. CABOLT continued to converse on the German and English languages, complaining that too many language teachers make the study of German unnecessarily difficult by dwelling on minor differences in words and phrasing which are never even considered by a German in normal conversation. CABOLT also commented that judging by his speech, [] must have learned his German in Bavaria, as he talks like a South German.

Comment: [] German was learned in Vienna and is still full of Viennese expressions and tinged with Austrian pronunciation. It would be very strange if CABOLT could not recognize this.

4. Travels: CABOLT drained his first glass of cognac in short order and [] poured another, whereupon CABOLT commented on the excellence of the liquor. From this point, CABOLT launched into a treatise on his favorite wines, claiming that he prefers those from the Rheingau to all others. He also gave a sort of travelogue of the Rheingau district, with a description of the towns and the people. Then he went on to say that he and his family take their vacations on Lake Garda. They drive down from Munich and camp out on the shore of the lake for about a month every summer. CABOLT likes the climate in that area and it makes a healthful interlude for his two boys.

Comment: While describing his vacations, CABOLT made the first reference to his wife which [] can remember hearing. But all that CABOLT would say was that his wife also goes with him to Lake Garda.

5. Vacation Plans: When the [] mentioned that they hope to take their children to Italy for a vacation during the summer and asked about the best route from Munich south over the mountains, CABOLT first began to describe the route, but then he said that he would do better than that and write out a description of the route, with the best hotels and restaurants to visit on the way. Then he recommended that the [] visit Carinthia and Styria, either on the way to Italy or at some other time, and offered to write out similar travel plans for these areas.

Comment: CABOLT may have been trying to test our knowledge of Austria, but he was given no indication that we had spent any time there.

6. CABOLT's History: At about 2130 hours, CABOLT was led to start talking about some of his own experiences. He began with an account of his experiences when the Nazis took over in Munich in 1933. At the time, CABOLT was working for the city political police. The Munich police Presidium was "captured" by the Nazis after a two-day siege by Party troops. During the siege, CABOLT and most of the rest of the non-Party police members were inside the Presidium. When the Nazis finally overcame the modest resistance of the local police, HIMMLER took over the entire police apparatus and Reinhard HEYDRICH became head of the political police, and therefore CABOLT's ultimate boss. CABOLT's political record did not suit his new bosses, so he was later transferred to a minor post in the Border Police.

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Comment: According to the WUDREDGER sheet received with EGQA-53662, 10 December 1953, CABOLT was with the Munich Police Directorate, in various departments, from 1923 to 1932. From 1932 to 1935, he worked in Abschnitt VI (NSDAP and other Right radical groups) (sic). We presume the target was changed after 1933. In 1935, he became chief of the Border Police station at Lindau am Bodensee. In 1934, he became a member of the SD of the SS. In describing this period, CABOLT never once condemned or apologized for HIMMLER or HEYDRICH. He simply described their roles in his past, without commenting on their policies or personalities.

7. Request to [] By a little after 2200, CABOLT was beginning to act tipsy. During a pause in the narrative, [] refilled the glasses. At this point, [] stood up and said that she would leave us to our cognac and conversation, as she has always done in the past. CABOLT begged her to stay, even if only for another half hour. [] remained until after 0100, while CABOLT talked steadily, pausing only to drink. For the rest of the evening, CABOLT addressed his story to [] and spoke clearly and rather slowly in an obvious effort to make her understand as much of the tale as possible.

Comment: It appeared to [] that CABOLT was making a determined effort to clear up some doubts in his own mind by attempting to justify his past activities in the eyes of an uninformed, and therefore unprejudiced outsider, []

8. Liechtenstein Incident: Just before the war, CABOLT was assigned as chief of the Border Police Station at Bregenz, Vorarlberg. During his assignment there, the SA tried to take over Liechtenstein by an "invasion" from Vorarlberg. CABOLT learned about the SA plans and realized that, since Liechtenstein was under Swiss protection and the Swiss police had a degree of jurisdiction in Liechtenstein, any invasion would result in a clash with the Swiss. To prevent a clash, CABOLT reinforced the guards on that sector of the border and arrested every suspected SA man who came near the Liechtenstein boundary. When the SA attempt collapsed, CABOLT found himself with 80 SA men in jail. The men were released after a short time, and CABOLT had a bit of trouble with the Party, but it was nothing serious.

Comment: It is quite possible that CABOLT's actions may have helped his career. Since he was a member of the SS, and the SA was no longer the power that it had been earlier, the putsch plan may have been utilized by the SS to put the SA in its place.

9. Das Englandspiel: CABOLT next switched to the story of his adventures in Holland during the war, but he did not dwell on the success of the Englandspiel operation. He asserted that he had never had to use brutality to extract confessions during his assignment in Holland, and the Dutch courts gave him a

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clean bill of health after the war. Nevertheless, when he was arrested by the Canadians, he was badly beaten before any interrogation was commenced. He claimed that he was worked over by a team of twelve men to soften him up for the preliminary interrogation session and as a result, his face was a bloody mess by the time he faced his interrogators. The first Englishman to interrogate CABOLT was a young British officer who opened the interrogation by announcing that, although he could speak some German, he hated the Germans so much that he would not use their language and would work through an interpreter. CABOLT commented that he could understand that a British officer might feel pretty strongly about the Germans by the end of the war, but it was rather foolish to let this attitude interfere with an interrogation in which it was important for the British to get every detail as quickly as possible.

Comment: CABOLT displayed a little bitterness when speaking of his treatment at the hands of the Canadians, but when speaking of the British officer, he adopted the attitude of a father lecturing a head-strong child.

10. American Occupation: CABOLT said that he had always been glad that the Americans occupied Bavaria, as he considers the Americans "gentlemen," but at the same time they are practical people who like to get things done and do not let their personal prejudices stand in the way of progress.

Comment: CABOLT used the English word "gentlemen" in his description.

11. School Books: Suddenly CABOLT thought of something, reached in his pocket and pulled out a card bearing the name of an American publishing company. He asked if [] could order two copies of the complete works of Shakespeare from the firm. When [] replied that he could do this quite easily, CABOLT explained that his son and a school friend need the books for their studies. CABOLT offered to pay for the books in DM right away, but [] said that we can settle this matter when the books arrive. Since [] had a copy of Kittredge's "Shakespeare," he loaned it to CABOLT with the suggestion that the boys could use this until their own books arrive. CABOLT appeared deeply pleased and thanked [] several times.

12. CABOLT's Sons: CABOLT said that his elder son will graduate from the Gymnasium this year, but the boy has not yet decided whether he will study physics, chemistry or law when he enters the University next fall. The son is "Primus" in his class and has had excellent grades through school. One of the son's classmates is the younger brother of Identity 1, a member of CAVIRILL. Identity 1's son refers to CABOLT's son as the "Torwart" (goalie), a tribute to CABOLT's son's fanatic interest in soccer.

Comment: CABOLT's elder son is Identity 2.

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13. School in PEPRIME: CABOLT was asked if his son had ever considered the possibility of studying in PEPRIME rather than in the University of Munich. [] pointed out that there would be no sense in studying law in PEPRIME, as the legal system is so much different from the German system. However, there are good schools where he could study physics or chemistry, while at the same time he would be able to see some of the world. [] added that, between the exchange student program and the numerous scholarships which are established for foreign students, it should be possible for CABOLT's son to secure enough financial assistance so that study in PEPRIME would be no more expensive than attending the University of Munich. CABOLT seized this idea and began to expand it. He seemed fascinated with the possibilities which presented themselves, so [] said he would write to his relatives and friends in PEPRIME and see if they could forward some literature on schools and scholarships, so that CABOLT's son would have some information on which to base a decision.

Comment: [] offer was phrased so that [] is obligated only to provide literature which CABOLT's son can study. However, CABOLT seems to dote on his elder son, and it is [] opinion that CABOLT would be willing to accept help for his son, although he would refuse anything of equivalent value for himself.

14. Younger Son: CABOLT again said that his younger son is quite different from the elder. If it were not for the fact that the younger son idolizes and copies his elder brother, he would probably be a complete playboy. He likes sports and a good time, and although he is smart, he is not really studious, and he does not enjoy learning for its own sake. The younger son is now attending the Realschule. *this is bad?*

15. Departure of [] By about 0100, CABOLT and [] had consumed a full bottle of cognac. During the latter part of the evening, CABOLT began to drink more rapidly, and by midnight he was drunk enough so that he was having a little trouble with his pronunciation. Shortly after 0100, [] took the opportunity presented by a break in the conversation, excused herself and went to bed. [] tried to bring the conversation around to operational matters, but CABOLT had not finished talking about himself, so [] let him continue, and offered encouragement to continue by asking whether identity 1 was really so young that his brother was in school with CABOLT's son.

16. CABOLT's Co-Workers: This provoked more of an outburst than CABOLT has ever allowed himself on previous occasions. The gist of the matter was that CABOLT feels that it is not fair to push young men like Identities 1 and 3 ahead just because their political records are clean of any tint of Nazism, while the "old men" who have experience must continue to serve in lower positions and do the work that their superiors should be doing, just because

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they continued to work for the government during the Nazi era. In CABOLT's case, he has become so well known for his work with the Abwehr that everyone forgets that he was a loyal and efficient civil servant for years before the Nazis took over the government. Because he continued to serve his country under the Nazis, his own career is now effectively blighted, while those who were too young to have to serve anyone are getting ahead.

Comment: In the past, CABOLT has talked about Identity 4 with real affection, but he has never said much about his feelings toward his other co-workers. This is the first time that he has ever expressed the bitterness which one would expect in a man in his situation.

17. CAVATA Offers: CABOLT said that he has often thought of getting out of CAVIRIL, especially since from time to time he has had good offers from CAVATA. On one occasion, he was offered the job of running the CAVATA training school. Thus far, he has always declined the offers, because it would mean that he would have to sell his house in Munich and move to Cologne. The expense involved in such a move would mean that it would not pay to accept the new position unless he were sure of a two-grade promotion, but CAVATA has not been willing to go this far. CABOLT asked what [] thought of the idea of transferring to CAVATA. [] replied that at present CAVATA is under heavy fire from the press and the government, so there are bound to be changes before long. Therefore, it appeared to [] that CABOLT would be well advised to wait a little and see if the attack on CAVATA does not abate before making his decision. CABOLT agreed that this was probably correct and commented that there are many newsmen who would love to have a well-known former Abwehr officer in CAVATA to use as a focal point for their attacks.

18. Termination: By this time it was about 0130. CABOLT looked at his watch, noted the time, and said that he had to leave at once. He began to apologize for keeping [] up so late, but [] said he had enjoyed the conversation so much that he had not noticed the hour. We exchanged some report material and held a brief operational discussion, which was continued as [] drove CABOLT home. In the course of this conversation, CABOLT produced two items of information which he need not have mentioned, and possibly should not have mentioned. He promised a complete written report on one item and kept his promise the following day. On this occasion, CABOLT allowed [] to drive right to CABOLT's house; on the previous occasion, CABOLT left the car some distance from his home and walked the last few blocks.

Comment: This entire meeting was quite different from previous meetings, in that CABOLT seemed to drop most of his usual reserve. It appeared that he needed badly to talk to someone and the [] were elected. From his insistence that [] stay and listen, it appeared quite possible that he cannot confide in his wife.

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19. We have developed a tentative plan for exploiting the current situation vis-a-vis CABOLT and we are forwarding the plan by separate dispatch.

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